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UNEMPLOYMENT CLIMBS

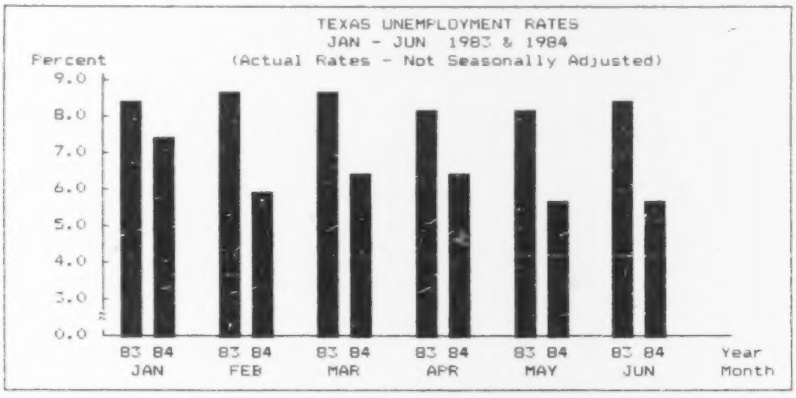
Along with the normal summer influx of new and reentrants into the labor force there was an unexpected increase in July among persons who had lost their jobs, pushing total unemployment in the actual series up by 71,400 over the month. The actual unemployment rate rose from 5.5 percent in June to 6.3 percent in July. Only once before since 1970 had the unemployment rate risen between June and July.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July 1984	June 1984	July 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,198.0	115,393.0	113,980.0
Unemployment	8,714.0	8,582.0	10,707.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.4	9.4
Total Employment	107,484.0	106,811.0	103,273.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	113,938.0	113,877.0	111,825.0
Unemployment	8,543.0	8,130.0	10,600.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.1	9.5
Total Employment	105,395.0	105,747.0	101,225.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,186.4	8,090.4	7,715.9
Unemployment	516.1	444.7	636.7
Percent Unemployed	6.3	5.5	8.3
Total Employment	7,670.3	7,645.7	7,079.2
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,097.0	8,011.0	7,646.0
Unemployment	495.0	382.0	610.0
Percent Unemployed	6.1	4.8	8.0
Total Employment	7,602.0	7,629.0	7,036.0

The over-the-month increase in unemployment is not, however, especially significant, since the labor force is particularly volatile in the summer months. Compared to July 1983, when the rate stood at 8.3 percent, the current unemployment picture looks very promising. The number of job-holders in Texas showed a moderate increase between June and July, with 24,600 additional employed persons at mid-July in the actual series.

As shown in the graph below, unemployment rates during 1984 have been fairly consistent in their downward trend and are considerably below those of 1983:



In the seasonally adjusted series, unemployment also climbed over the month, as the rate rose from 4.8 to 6.1 percent. A year earlier, however, the seasonally adjusted rate was 8.0 percent. The month-to-month changes in the U. S. labor force were less dramatic, as the rate wavered from 7.4 percent to 7.5 percent in the

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,000	57,700	57,100	79,400	79,500	76,900	294,700	293,100	277,600
Manufacturing	5,900	5,900	6,500	9,800	9,700	9,500	35,700	35,300	33,500
Mining	4,000	4,100	4,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	900	900	800
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,100	4,400	4,200	4,200	20,500	20,300	17,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	6,700	6,800	6,500	8,200	8,100	7,900
Trade	14,900	14,900	15,000	24,000	24,000	23,200	68,100	67,700	63,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,500	4,500	4,200	19,300	18,900	18,300
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,200	14,800	15,000	14,600	61,500	61,200	57,000
Government	9,000	9,600	8,700	13,200	13,300	12,700	80,500	80,700	79,000
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	142,400	142,100	140,000	62,000	62,800	60,500	44,400	44,200	42,900
Manufacturing	31,800	31,800	32,200	10,900	10,900	11,100	3,200	3,100	3,100
Mining	2,800	2,800	2,500	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,300	9,300	10,500	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	12,100	12,000	11,900	3,200	3,100	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,700
Trade	34,400	34,100	33,000	17,400	17,200	17,200	9,800	9,800	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,700	5,700	3,100	3,100	3,200	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,400	26,100	11,400	11,400	10,800	6,600	6,700	6,400
Government	18,900	19,000	18,100	12,600	13,700	11,600	16,700	16,500	16,100
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH			EL PASO		
TOTAL	129,600	129,400	128,300	1664.1	1659.5	1584.5	165,700	168,700	161,700
Manufacturing	14,900	14,800	14,200	320.6	320.4	310.3	37,100	37,900	35,600
Mining	7,400	7,400	7,300	28.1	28.3	28.8	--	--	--
Construction	9,800	10,000	10,000	105.6	103.8	98.5	9,400	9,500	8,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,300	7,400	7,400	101.6	100.8	98.0	9,700	9,700	10,000
Trade	33,000	32,800	32,700	446.4	443.8	428.2	40,900	40,900	39,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,700	6,600	6,500	139.3	138.5	129.1	8,000	8,000	7,800
Services & Misc.	24,100	24,000	24,000	341.1	338.1	318.3	28,300	28,200	28,300
Government	26,400	26,400	26,200	181.4	185.8	173.3	32,300	34,500	31,400
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,000	69,900	66,600	1,515.3	1,525.3	1,496.7	63,400	63,600	60,200
Manufacturing	10,100	10,100	10,700	199.5	198.7	199.6	8,900	9,000	8,400
Mining	800	800	700	101.0	101.3	98.7	--	--	--
Construction	4,500	4,500	4,000	127.9	129.7	138.3	3,900	4,000	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,900	6,100	6,200	104.8	105.2	104.8	3,300	3,200	3,100
Trade	12,700	12,500	12,900	371.4	371.0	362.3	15,200	15,100	14,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,500	109.9	109.1	106.4	2,500	2,500	2,300
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,000	10,800	330.1	330.8	313.9	11,300	11,300	11,000
Government	18,000	20,300	16,800	170.7	179.5	172.7	18,300	18,500	17,700

2/ In Thousands

actual and rose from 7.1 percent to 7.5 percent in the seasonally adjusted series. In both series, the year-ago unemployment rates were around two percentage points higher, evidence that the Nation's economy is continuing to strengthen.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT LAGS

Seasonal layoffs and slow-downs inhibited the growth of nonagricultural wage and salary employment in July, and 13,200 jobs were deleted. Only two major industry sectors showed growth over the month -- trade and finance insurance and real estate. Although wholesale trade decreased fairly substantially, expansion in the retail portion was sufficient to push the total up by 1,700. The majority of the increase was created by general merchandise stores, where summer hiring was on-going. Automotive dealers and service stations continued to benefit from the summer weather, and food stores also posted gains over the month.

The increases in finance, insurance and real estate were concentrated among loan companies and real estate brokers, with the total for the industry group rising by 600 over the month.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**	July'84*	June'84**	July'83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,600	30,500	28,900	67,100	67,700	66,900	90,100	90,100	90,000
Manufacturing	1,800	1,900	1,700	14,800	14,900	14,800	9,500	9,600	11,600
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,200	4,700	4,800	4,900	600	500	500
Construction	1,200	1,200	1,400	4,700	4,800	5,000	4,500	4,300	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,600	3,700	3,700	4,600	4,600	4,500
Trade	9,300	9,100	9,100	17,200	17,200	16,900	27,000	26,900	25,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,700	2,800	2,900	5,400	5,300	5,200
Services & Misc.	5,000	5,000	4,400	11,200	11,200	11,100	19,000	19,100	18,600
Government	7,400	7,400	6,500	8,200	8,300	7,600	19,500	19,800	19,400
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	75,400	77,500	74,400	57,800	57,400	50,900	59,600	59,100	54,700
Manufacturing	10,000	10,500	9,900	4,000	3,800	3,600	5,800	5,800	6,100
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	13,400	13,200	12,200	8,600	8,900	8,600
Construction	5,000	5,000	5,100	3,500	3,600	3,800	4,600	4,500	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600	3,000	3,000	2,800	3,000	3,000	3,000
Trade	24,100	24,100	22,700	14,000	14,100	11,900	18,300	18,100	15,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,200	4,000	4,000	3,600	2,400	2,400	2,400
Services & Misc.	11,400	11,400	11,000	10,200	10,000	8,200	9,200	9,100	8,000
Government	17,600	19,200	18,500	5,700	5,700	4,800	7,700	7,300	7,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	37,500	37,900	36,900	455,600	457,800	434,500	34,800	35,000	34,100
Manufacturing	5,500	5,600	5,600	51,400	51,700	49,500	11,800	11,800	11,100
Mining	700	800	1,000	3,500	3,500	3,400	200	200	200
Construction	2,500	2,500	2,500	33,200	33,300	31,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	19,100	18,900	18,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	9,400	9,300	8,900	119,300	118,600	111,600	7,000	7,100	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	33,300	33,300	31,800	1,300	1,300	1,300
Services & Misc.	7,700	7,600	7,400	99,600	99,600	94,100	6,300	6,300	6,200
Government	6,300	6,700	6,100	96,200	98,900	94,500	4,800	4,900	4,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA 3/		
TOTAL	47,500	47,100	45,400	58,200	58,300	56,700	28,400	28,400	28,400
Manufacturing	9,300	9,100	8,600	12,200	12,200	11,600	2,900	3,000	3,000
Mining	100	100	100	2,800	2,800	3,100	2,400	2,300	2,700
Construction	2,200	2,100	2,000	2,400	2,400	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	2,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	2,800	1,500	1,500	1,500
Trade	11,100	10,900	10,800	14,600	14,700	14,400	7,800	7,800	7,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,700	3,200	3,200	3,200	1,800	1,800	1,600
Services & Misc.	8,600	8,600	8,200	11,900	11,900	11,600	5,500	5,500	5,300
Government	12,600	12,600	12,000	8,100	8,100	7,400	4,000	4,000	3,900
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS					
TOTAL	76,700	76,600	73,900	53,400	53,900	52,100			
Manufacturing	16,400	16,500	15,600	9,900	9,900	8,700			
Mining	--	--	--	3,200	3,200	3,200			
Construction	4,400	4,300	4,100	2,000	2,000	2,100			
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,400	3,400	3,200	2,900	2,900	2,800			
Trade	19,600	19,600	18,600	13,600	13,500	13,200			
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,700	4,700	2,500	2,500	2,500			
Services & Misc.	17,000	16,800	16,300	9,200	9,200	9,300			
Government	11,100	11,500	11,400	10,100	10,700	10,300			

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.
3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

The largest seasonal downturn was in government, as local government declined by 12,200 in July. These losses occurred as seasonal maintenance, repair, and administrative work was completed in schools and staffing was further reduced. The hiring of seasonal workers in federal and state government generated 1,400 new jobs over the month, but government as a whole recorded the loss of 10,800 positions.

The completion of jobs in residential, commercial, and heavy construction once again halted growth in this category; and there were actually 1,600 fewer construction jobs at mid-July than a month earlier. Employers in services also deleted positions over the month, with most of the loss in educational services, where additional workers were laid off for the summer. Health services also lost a moderate number of jobs over the month, while personal services recorded a small drop.

An ample supply of finished products combined with depressed oil prices reduced payrolls in the oil and gas extraction portion of mining by 900 in July. This

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Industry	July 1984*	June 1984**	July 1983**	Change From June 1984	Change From July 1983
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,340,200	6,353,400	6,172,700	-13,200	167,500
Manufacturing	994,000	995,000	959,100	-1,000	34,900
Durable Goods	575,400	575,000	548,700	400	26,700
Lumber & Wood Products	42,200	42,500	41,100	-300	1,100
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,700	7,600	0	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,400	16,600	-200	600
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,800	49,000	46,100	-200	2,700
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,800	22,900	21,200	-100	1,600
Primary Metal Industries	35,700	35,900	32,900	-200	2,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,400	81,200	80,700	200	700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	44,400	44,300	44,400	100	0
Machinery, Except Electrical	136,600	136,200	129,600	400	7,000
Oil Field Machinery	44,000	43,700	40,900	300	3,100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	104,300	103,900	96,200	400	8,100
Transportation Equipment	73,900	73,600	71,200	300	2,700
Aircraft & Parts	37,500	37,300	37,000	200	500
Instruments & Related Products	23,100	23,200	22,400	-100	700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,200	12,100	11,900	100	300
Nondurable Goods	418,600	420,000	410,400	-1,400	8,200
Food & Kindred Products	97,300	97,100	93,500	200	3,800
Meat Products	24,900	24,800	24,900	100	0
Dairy Products	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	200
Bakery Products	12,300	12,100	10,800	200	1,500
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Textile Mill Products	5,000	5,000	4,700	0	300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	62,300	63,300	60,900	-1,000	1,400
Paper & Allied Products	22,300	22,400	21,900	-100	400
Printing & Publishing	71,600	71,600	68,600	0	3,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,700	35,600	35,100	100	600
Chemicals & Allied Products	77,000	77,100	77,600	-100	-600
Petroleum & Coal Products	42,500	42,700	43,600	-200	-1,100
Petroleum Refining	39,300	39,500	40,500	-200	-1,200
Leather & Leather Products	8,100	8,300	8,500	-200	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	32,500	32,500	31,100	0	1,400
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,346,200	5,358,400	5,213,600	-12,200	132,600
Mining	270,600	271,600	261,000	-1,000	9,600
Oil & Gas Extraction	260,700	261,600	251,100	-900	9,600
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,900	10,000	9,900	-100	0
Construction	410,500	412,100	428,700	-1,600	-18,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	383,200	383,100	373,300	100	9,900
Railroad Transportation	25,500	25,500	24,600	0	900
Transportation, Except Railroads	182,300	182,500	173,500	-200	8,800
Transportation by Air	35,400	35,400	37,700	0	-2,300
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,800	96,500	95,400	300	1,400
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,600	78,600	79,800	0	-1,200
Electric Services	44,100	44,100	44,400	0	-300
Gas Production & Distribution	29,200	29,200	30,100	0	-900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,596,200	1,594,500	1,555,300	1,700	40,900
Wholesale Trade	443,300	444,700	432,600	-1,400	10,700
Retail Trade	1,152,900	1,149,800	1,122,700	3,100	30,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	55,500	55,800	52,600	-300	2,900
General Merchandise Stores	145,300	143,400	144,300	1,900	1,000
Food Stores	209,000	208,500	201,000	500	8,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,300	133,600	131,400	700	2,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	77,100	77,100	76,200	0	900
Other Retail Trade	531,700	531,400	517,200	300	14,500
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	406,300	405,700	395,400	600	10,900
Banking	104,200	104,300	104,100	-100	100
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	124,500	124,300	121,600	200	2,900
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	177,600	177,100	169,700	500	7,900
Services	1,226,700	1,227,900	1,187,400	-1,200	39,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	77,800	77,600	76,600	200	1,200
Personal Services	74,300	74,500	72,400	-200	1,900
Business & Repair Services	328,600	328,200	310,400	400	18,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	56,800	56,700	54,700	100	2,100
Health Services	345,800	346,200	338,700	-400	7,100
Educational Services	53,300	54,800	51,800	-1,500	1,500
Other Services & Miscellaneous	290,100	289,900	282,800	200	7,300
Total Government	1,052,700	1,063,500	1,012,500	-10,800	40,200
Total Federal Government	183,100	182,500	176,300	600	6,800
Total State Government	215,000	214,200	208,600	800	6,400
Total Local Government	654,600	666,800	627,600	-12,200	27,000

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jul.'84*	Jun.'84**	Jul.'83**	Jul.'84*	Jun.'84**	Jul.'83**	Jul.'84*	Jun.'84**	Jul.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,200	79,800	77,100	106,100	105,100	98,400	356,500	351,900	322,700
Total Unemployment	3,600	2,900	4,100	5,000	4,300	4,800	12,800	11,200	14,600
Percent Unemployed	4.5	3.6	5.3	4.7	4.1	4.9	3.6	3.2	4.5
Total Employment 2/	76,600	76,900	73,000	101,100	100,800	93,600	343,700	340,700	308,100
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	189,100	185,200	181,600	96,500	94,000	91,300	57,000	56,300	53,300
Total Unemployment	22,600	20,000	25,900	14,100	11,400	14,400	2,400	2,100	2,600
Percent Unemployed	12.0	10.8	14.3	14.6	12.1	15.8	4.2	3.7	4.9
Total Employment 2/	166,500	165,200	155,700	82,400	82,600	76,900	54,600	54,200	50,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	174,100	170,900	170,500	1,983.5	1,953.0	1,822.6	206,500	205,700	196,800
Total Unemployment	15,500	13,300	20,500	79.6	67.2	96.8	21,000	18,200	24,700
Percent Unemployed	8.9	7.8	12.0	4.0	3.4	5.3	10.2	8.8	12.6
Total Employment 2/	158,600	157,600	150,000	1,903.9	1,885.8	1,725.8	185,500	187,500	172,100
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	95,600	95,800	91,300	1,845.7	1,830.3	1,784.8	81,200	80,100	74,100
Total Unemployment	9,800	8,500	11,200	130.8	115.0	176.5	4,800	3,900	4,700
Percent Unemployed	10.3	8.9	12.3	7.1	6.3	9.9	5.9	4.9	6.3
Total Employment 2/	85,800	87,300	80,100	1,714.9	1,715.3	1,608.3	76,400	76,200	69,400
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,900	39,900	40,800	83,400	82,100	81,600	117,200	116,300	114,500
Total Unemployment	7,100	6,500	10,600	7,000	6,100	9,500	6,600	5,900	8,700
Percent Unemployed	17.4	16.3	26.0	8.4	7.4	11.6	5.6	5.1	7.6
Total Employment 2/	33,800	33,400	30,200	76,400	76,000	72,100	110,600	110,400	105,800
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	120,300	120,100	112,800	76,600	75,000	66,200	80,500	79,300	73,800
Total Unemployment	25,400	20,500	23,100	3,100	2,600	4,100	4,000	3,400	7,000
Percent Unemployed	21.1	17.1	20.5	4.0	3.5	6.2	5.0	4.3	9.5
Total Employment 2/	94,900	99,600	89,700	73,500	72,400	62,100	76,500	75,900	66,800
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,700	52,900	50,300	553,900	548,100	507,700	42,500	42,100	40,900
Total Unemployment	2,300	2,000	2,700	29,600	25,500	32,000	2,200	2,000	3,000
Percent Unemployed	4.4	3.8	5.4	5.3	4.7	6.3	5.2	4.8	7.3
Total Employment 2/	50,400	50,900	47,600	524,300	522,600	475,700	40,300	40,100	37,900
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,800	55,000	52,400	82,000	81,000	77,000	39,100	38,300	38,900
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,300	5,200	4,300	3,500	5,100	2,400	2,100	4,200
Percent Unemployed	8.2	7.8	9.9	5.2	4.3	6.6	6.1	5.5	10.8
Total Employment 2/	51,200	50,700	47,200	77,700	77,500	71,900	36,700	36,200	34,700
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	97,900	96,700	90,900	71,900	71,400	68,100	8,186.4	8,090.4	7,715.9
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,000	5,000	3,400	2,800	4,400	516.1	444.7	636.7
Percent Unemployed	4.7	4.1	5.5	4.7	3.9	6.5	6.3	5.5	8.3
Total Employment 2/	93,300	92,700	85,900	68,500	68,600	63,700	7,670.3	7,645.7	7,079.2

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July± 1984	June 1984	July 1983	July± 1984	June 1984	July 1983
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$377.57	$382.69	$363.45	41.4	42.1	40.7	$ 9.12	$ 9.09	$ 8.93
Durable Goods	369.15	377.22	354.31	41.2	42.1	40.4	8.96	8.96	8.77
Lumber & Wood Products	251.29	253.74	247.20	38.9	39.4	39.3	6.46	6.44	6.29
Furniture & Fixtures	216.96	237.73	233.84	36.1	39.1	39.3	6.01	6.08	5.95
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	381.49	378.84	356.16	43.9	44.0	43.7	8.69	8.61	8.15
Primary Metal Industries	398.37	398.05	420.15	40.9	40.7	39.9	9.74	9.78	10.53
Fabricated Metal Products	348.12	353.62	347.11	41.1	41.7	39.4	8.47	8.48	8.81
Machinery, Exc. Electric	383.95	388.72	339.37	42.1	43.0	39.6	9.12	9.04	8.57
Oil Field Machinery	464.19	464.38	418.15	43.1	43.4	39.9	10.77	10.70	10.48
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	392.29	408.84	351.95	41.6	42.9	39.5	9.43	9.53	8.91
Transportation Equipment	495.87	522.85	489.83	41.6	43.9	42.3	11.92	11.91	11.58
Instr. & Related Products	295.30	296.83	320.80	38.5	38.6	40.1	7.67	7.69	8.00
Misc. Mfg. Industries	274.58	279.89	307.76	40.8	40.8	41.2	6.73	6.86	7.47
Nondurable Goods	386.78	389.34	376.98	41.5	42.0	41.2	9.32	9.27	9.15
Food & Kindred Products	339.34	341.35	323.53	42.9	43.1	41.8	7.91	7.92	7.74
Meat Products	291.20	280.79	288.47	44.8	43.0	42.8	6.50	6.53	6.74
Malt Beverages	794.58	785.66	748.26	49.2	48.2	48.4	16.15	16.30	15.46
Textile Mill Products	281.11	286.70	260.62	42.4	42.6	41.5	6.63	6.73	6.28
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	191.35	196.00	185.76	38.5	40.0	38.3	4.97	4.90	4.85
Paper & Allied Products	430.77	432.62	414.65	43.6	44.6	44.3	9.88	9.70	9.36
Printing & Publishing	346.12	342.68	333.48	40.2	39.8	39.7	8.61	8.61	8.40
Chemicals & Allied Products	600.18	604.20	590.64	42.0	42.4	42.8	14.29	14.25	13.80
Petroleum & Coal Products	616.28	629.75	612.58	43.4	44.1	43.2	14.20	14.28	14.18
Petroleum Refining	631.90	647.09	624.09	43.4	44.2	43.1	14.56	14.64	14.48
Leather & Leather Products	199.05	205.33	197.85	35.8	36.6	37.4	5.56	5.61	5.29
Other Nondurable Goods	373.24	375.84	341.14	43.4	43.3	41.4	8.60	8.68	8.24
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	484.51	480.70	473.20	46.1	46.0	45.5	10.51	10.45	10.40
Oil & Gas Extraction	487.28	482.41	477.75	46.1	45.9	45.5	10.57	10.51	10.50
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	434.07	434.45	383.92	47.7	47.9	46.2	9.10	9.07	8.31
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	429.47	428.25	408.20	40.1	39.8	39.1	10.71	10.76	10.44
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	436.45	439.19	415.17	40.3	41.2	41.6	10.83	10.66	9.98
Wholesale & Retail Trade	241.45	239.05	234.20	35.3	35.0	34.8	6.84	6.83	6.73
Wholesale Trade	365.52	360.77	357.20	40.3	40.4	40.0	9.07	8.93	8.93
Retail Trade	198.24	195.95	189.83	33.6	33.1	32.9	5.90	5.92	5.77
General Mdse. Stores	168.64	160.43	167.31	32.0	30.5	30.2	5.27	5.26	5.54
Banking	262.81	255.06	247.00	39.7	39.3	38.0	6.62	6.49	6.50

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$369.35	$374.59	$358.75	41.5	41.9	41.0	$ 8.90	$ 8.94	$ 8.75
Durable Goods	384.89	395.40	374.83	41.7	42.7	41.1	9.23	9.26	9.12
Nondurable Goods	334.97	329.24	323.54	41.1	40.2	40.8	8.15	8.19	7.93
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	475.63	478.03	445.26	43.2	43.3	41.0	11.01	11.04	10.86
Durable Goods	423.58	417.21	384.24	43.4	43.1	39.9	9.76	9.68	9.63
Nondurable Goods	543.11	558.08	521.98	42.9	43.6	42.3	12.66	12.80	12.34
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	271.73	276.30	265.02	40.8	41.3	40.4	6.66	6.69	6.56
Durable Goods	289.38	295.36	286.49	40.7	41.6	41.4	7.11	7.10	6.92
Nondurable Goods	252.76	255.22	243.10	40.9	40.9	39.4	6.18	6.24	6.17

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift Work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

industry continues to fluctuate from month to month, but has produced close to 10,000 new jobs over the past year. Transportation and public utilities remained almost unchanged between June and July, as small gains in communication were partially nullified by a loss in transportation, except railroads.

For the first time this year, manufacturing employment declined in July. The loss was not large, and was concentrated in the nondurable goods sector, which dropped 1,400 jobs. A large number of employers in apparel and other finished textile products reported workers on vacation without pay, and this industry was responsible for 1,000 deletions in July.

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Gains and losses were interspersed in durable goods over the month, with none of the changes very large. The biggest increase was generated by electric and electronic equipment, which has produced over 8,000 jobs during the past 12 months. An equal advance was recorded by nonelectrical machinery, where oil field machinery was responsible for most of the growth. The recall of some workers and additional hiring of others pushed employment up moderately in transportation equipment. The largest decrease occurred in lumber and wood products, while smaller losses were noted in furniture and fixtures and in stone, clay and glass products. There were 670,700 manufacturing production workers in July, up 2,400 from June and 25,600 above the year-ago level.

HOURS DROP, EARNINGS REMAIN UNCHANGED

An average manufacturing production worker in July worked 41.4 hours per week at $9.12 per hour, averaging $377.57 a week. Hours worked declined over the month by 0.7 hour as less overtime was worked in most durable and nondurable goods industries. Nondurable goods was primarily responsible for the overall increase of 3¢ per hour in hourly earnings, as paper and allied products reported more overtime worked at premium pay while summer workers hired at lower wages by firms in durable goods kept hourly earnings stable in that sector. The over-the-month drop in hours worked in manufacturing pushed average weekly earnings down by $5.12 in July.

Compared to July 1983, however, both hourly earnings and hours worked had improved. Hourly earnings had risen by 19¢ over the year, while the number of hours worked increased by 0.7 hour, raising weekly earnings by $14.12.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1984	July 1983
Total Population	16,326,800	15,835,600
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.4	2.6
UI Covered Employers	301,220	291,571
Total Claims Actions	409,136	663,222
Total Initial Claims Actions	60,459	73,022
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	348,677	590,200
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$135.48	$135.76
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$46,965,520	$78,092,943
Total Placements	49,338	46,614

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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